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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Briefing of the Honorable Eugene M. Zuckert, Secretary of the Air Force, on Project OXCART

1. The DCI gave a luncheon on 2 February 1961 for the new Secretary of the Air Force, Mr. Zuckert, at which the undersigned was in attendance. At the conclusion of the meal, the DCI, DDCI, DD/P, Director of PIC, and the undersigned adjourned to Mr. Dulles' office with the Secretary of the Air Force, and the latter was then given an extensive background and substantive briefing on Project OXCART.

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2. The briefing lasted for approximately thirty minutes and touched not only upon [redacted] performance characteristics, and the like, but also upon OXCART/KEDLOCK. Mr. Zuckert indicated that he had had some rather informal awareness of OXCART which he had obtained from Dr. Charyk.

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3. Other applications of the OXCART vehicle were raised by Mr. Zuckert and informally covered. [redacted]

[redacted] The Secretary was quite pleased with the briefing and informally indicated his continuing support for its progress. Also discussed under the general heading of sophisticated reconnaissance systems was Project CORONA. If the Secretary is not carried on the CORONA cleared roles at the present, I would suggest that the records be amended to show that he is now informed of its existence and general capabilities. Following this abbreviated meeting a follow-up of Agency air matters was held in the Director's Conference Room, at which time in addition to the Secretary, General Glen Martin, until recently Director of Plans under the DC/OPS, was briefed on Agency-USAF support

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relationships, capabilities, etc. General Cabell and the undersigned did most of the talking here, and Messrs. Amory, Lundahl, and Gates Lloyd were also present.

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